

## TIME TO RING DOWN CURTAIN ON SPECIAL AUDITORS' FARCE

### THE SPECIAL AUDITORS—SOME SELECT OPINIONS.

"Anyway you want to quote me as condemning the special auditors and their work is all right with me; you can't make it too strong."—John Holley, councilman, Third ward.

"The special auditors have not shown me that they know what they are talking about. Their various statements are vague and obscure, and do not show the exact financial condition of the city. I do not believe that they are trying to do anything but hold onto their jobs and draw down the money as long as the administration will stand for it."—F. S. Fernstrom, councilman from the Third ward and member of finance committee.

"What do I think of the special auditors and their work? Well, I don't think anything of them, and I think less of their work."—Henry T. Cowburn, councilman from the Third ward.

"The whole course of the special auditors has been one of deception. They have been leeches on the life-blood of the city—its money—and I think that they should be discarded at once."—J. H. Murdoch, councilman from the First ward.

"With the city 'broke' and absolutely insolvent, it seems queer to me that the 'Americans' insist on paying from \$75 to \$100 a day for the services of these experts, which has so far proved absolutely valueless."—Oliver Hodgson, councilman from the First ward.

"In my estimation, the work of the special auditors has shown that the city has been made the victim of a most vicious graft. I do not think that the auditors know their business, nor do I think that the reports which they have submitted to us show anything concerning the condition of the city's affairs. We should discharge them at once, and if we had the money which they have received we would be able to pay one-third of our share of paving First South street."—L. E. Hall, councilman from the Fourth ward.

Above are some of the vigorous sentiments expressed by various members of the city council when asked to give their opinion of the work of the special auditors, who have been probing into the affairs of the city with a view to establishing a new system of book-keeping since February, 1907.

When Martin Mulvey retired from the council, he signified his last meeting by aptly calling these auditors, Westernman, Trader & Co., "10,000 beauties." Since that time the name has stuck to them, but now they have increased in value, and Mulvey's appellation should be amended to read "250,000 beauties."

The minority of the council has borne with the auditors in anticipation that when the board of estimates and apportionment met that a satisfactory statement would be forthcoming. A statement as to the condition of the general funds on Dec. 31 last was given to the council several weeks ago, and purported to show that the assets of the city were \$49,000 in excess of the liabilities.

The statement rendered to the board of estimates and apportionment has been studied over for three days, and no one as yet has been able to determine what it means. It is hinted that another auditor will be employed to explain the auditors' report to the council, despite the fact that the compensation of this man would necessarily have to be large.

The first statement was most grotesque. In figuring the assets of the city, bank taxes and water rates to the amount of \$125,000 were considered. Little of this amount will ever be collected, and the special auditors and the administration know it. The only reason for making it that can be discovered is that the finance committee

desired to conceal the fact that the legal debt limit had been exceeded during 1907.

The object in making the second report, recently submitted, was the desire of the "Americans" to bond the city for \$600,000 for water and sewer purposes. The whole report is nothing more or less than an argument for a bond issue, and is of no value in determining the condition of the city's finances.

Despite the frantic efforts of the auditors to conceal the real condition of the city, this can easily be ascertained by going to the treasurer's office. Gideon Snyder and his assistant, Frank Godbe, keep a private memorandum of the amount of outstanding warrants at the end of each month against every fund, and the amount of cash on hand in these various funds. From this it is easy to ascertain exactly the condition of affairs. The auditors, however, have refused permission to the treasurer to give these statements to the public, because of their claim that he has nothing to do with outstanding warrants. The justice of this claim is not readily perceived as the treasurer, in order to intelligently redeem warrants, must as a matter of protection to himself know the amount outstanding. The auditors have even gone so far in the matter as to "hold up" the annual report of the treasurer for 1907, and this has not been made public, as the auditors say that it does not correspond with the data collected by them. The treasurer is under \$255,000 bonds, and has a right to keep his books in his own way, it is said. He has never protested against any of the recommendations of the auditors except when he found them to be of no use, and he has not demanded that his report be made public.

The authority of the auditors in keeping his report is a resolution passed by the council giving them complete power in all city offices until they have completed their audit.

To mention all of the mistakes made by the auditors would take columns. For instance, in the treasurer's office they prepared a book for indexing redeemed warrants which had to be thrown away and a book prepared by Mr. Godbe substituted. On the stubs in the original license receipts there was no space to write the name of the person receiving the license or the nature of the license. These receipt blanks had to be all thrown away like the book and new ones printed at further expense to the taxpayers.

Instances of this kind, trivial in their nature, but important and costly in the aggregate, have cropped out in every office where the new "system" has been installed.

That the auditors realize their position is evident. They have not submitted a bill for their services since Jan. 15, and as they have a contract for a certain amount daily and are their own timekeepers, they need have no fear of securing their pay as long as the council allows them to work. What they are evidently afraid of is that if they present their bill the council will oust them from office.

### MUSICAL PROGRAMS.

This evening the following musical program will be given at the First Baptist church, which is now meeting in the Jewish synagogue, on Fourth East between Second and Third South streets. Organ Prelude—Evening Star—Wagner. Miss Crissie Lawson. (a) Praise—Ye the Father—Gounod. (b) How Beautiful Upon the Mount—Souds. Young Ladies' Chorus. Solo—Mrs. Fred E. Jones. Anthem—Hark, Hark My Soul—Shelley Choir.

Charles Kent and some of his pupils will give an Easter song service this evening at the Seventh ward chapel, Fifth South between First and Second West streets, at 6:30 o'clock: Anthem—Ward Choir. O, Song Divine—Jordon Temple. Dottie McKinnon. Courage—W. F. Weight. The New-Born King—L'Esper. The Everlasting Day—Bevan. Drucie Parker. Giver of Life—Fortescue. O, Loving Father—Del Riego. Roberta Williams. The Lord Is My Shepherd—Koschat. Kent's Male Chorus. Good Night—Louis Funison. Face to Face—Johnson. T. T. Burton. Just As I Am—Danks. Hosanna—Grenier. What Is Easter?—President Charles H. Hyde. Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep—Knight. Carl Weenle.

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